(b) if so, the projects the Company has either installed or marketed and the number of employees in the company;

(c) the profit made by the company since its inception; and

(d) whether the MTNL has formed any other subsidiary company; if so, the name of the company and the status of that company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, MTNL has incorporated a 100% subsidiary company in the name of Millennium Telecom Limited (MTL) on 17-02-2002 for carrying out business as Internet Service Provider.

(b) MTL is presently conducting e-tendering work of MTNL. Total income earned by MTL by way of e-tendering work of MTNL during the last three years is Rs. 576.82 lakhs. There are no full time employees working in MTL, only four MTNL employees looking after statutory activities of MTL as an additional charge.

(c) Since inception upto 31-03-2004, MTL has made a profit of Rs. 164.9 lacs.

(d) Sir, MTNL has also formed one more 100% subsidiary company with the name of Mahanagar Telephone Mauritius Ltd. (MTML). The MTML is registered in Mauritius and has been licensed by Government of Mauritius to provide telecom services in Mauritius. Presently, the Company is in the process of setting up infrastructure and the service roll out is expected to start from mid of 2005.

Provision of internet connections to Schools and Colleges

4521. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide high-speed internet connection to various schools and colleges in every district for accessing the important information and rich educational content in local languages; and

(b) If so, by when it would be made available to schools and colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) There is no scheme for providing specifically computer internet facility only. Department of Secondary and Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development has launched a scheme of ICT @ Schools during 2004-05, under which financial assistance would be provided to the State/UT for the computer education and training of Students. As per the norms of the scheme, an amount of Rs. 30,000/- per school would be provided for Internet Connectivity to the State/UTs for Govt, and Govt, aided Secondary and Senior Secondary Schools only in addition to other items like hardware, software, maintenance etc.

Revenue implications under Unified Access License Regime

4522. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Unified Access License Regime in Telecom sector;

(b) the number of companies issued such license;

(c) whether Government has cut telecome license penalties for delayed payments for Unified Access Licensees migrating to UASL, NSD and ILD Services; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard, with details of the companies that would benefit from such relaxation and revenue implication thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The Unified access Service Licensee can provide wireline and wireless services to its subscribers within its well defined geographical areas commonly known as Service Area. The Licensee is free to deploy state of art digital technology.

(b) Twelve (12) companies have been issued such licence in different service areas.